



July Grant Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

The opportunities to teach, learn and share are more challenging than ever, and they impact communities in every way. Whether you're focused on teaching, mentoring, economic or neighborhood development, or administration, it can be difficult to sort through the resources available to help students, families and communities thrive.

We've put together a short list of grant opportunities and resources available to educators of every level, local governments, and nonprofit community organizations that highlight some of the federal programs and services designed to help educate, inform and provide positive support. If you have any questions about the information provided, please contact my office's Grants Director, Marianne Black, at Marianne.Black@donnelly.senate.gov. If you would like to request a letter of support from me, please visit <http://www.donnelly.senate.gov/help/grants>.

Thank you for all you do to move Indiana forward.

Sincerely,

Senator Joe Donnelly

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GRANTS & RESOURCES

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

- **The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program**
The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program supports professional development, graduate education and continuing education programs that help organizations develop human capital capacity needed to meet the changing learning styles and information needs of the public. Eligible applicants must be a unit of state or local government, or a private nonprofit organization as well as a library or parent organization responsible for administration. Applications are being accepted until September 15, 2014. For more information, or to register for informational webinars, check [here](#).
- **Is there a museum or a library in your community that deserves national recognition?** Libraries and museums are strong community anchors that, together with formal education and other community organizations, create a network of learning within a community. The [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) is currently accepting nominations for the 2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

The National Medal for Museum and Library Service is the nation's highest honor for the extraordinary public service provided by these institutions. The Medal recognizes museums and libraries that demonstrate a core commitment to public service through innovative programs and active partnerships that address the changing needs of the communities they serve.

Completed applications are due from nominated institutions by **October 15, 2014**. Anyone can nominate an institution they feel deserves this unique recognition. For more information about nominating a museum or library from your area, [visit IMLS on the web](#). Submit your nominations as soon as you can, so that the institution has plenty of time to complete the application before October 15th.

Department of Labor

- **American Apprenticeship Grants**
The Department of Labor announced a new grants competition in April. The American Apprenticeship Grants competition will be launched in the Fall and it will focus on partnerships between employers, labor organizations, training providers, community colleges, local and state governments, the workforce system, non-profits and faith-based organizations that develop apprenticeship programs in fast-growing occupations, and are aligned to improve learning and career advancement. For more information and to sign-up for updates about the program and funding announcement, visit the DoL [Office of Employment and Training Administration](#).

Department of Education (ED)

- **FREE Federal Resources for Educational Excellence**
If you're looking for information to add interest to teaching plans, library displays, museum exhibits or research papers, the Department of Education has a link to a wide range of free teaching and learning resources including animations, photos and videos at [Free Federal Resources for Educational Excellence](#). Resources are categorized by subject,

and provide easy access to relevant information at the Library of Congress, National Archives, National Park Service, National Endowment for the Arts and many other federal departments.

- The Department of Education wants to ensure that students are protected from the harmful effects of bullying within their communities. Check out helpful information about how to identify **bullying**, cyberbullying and how to respond in order to [stop bullying](#) in the classroom.

National Archives

- If you haven't had the chance to visit the [National Archives](#) web site, make time to go through it. It has informational and educational resources for educators, historians, researchers and genealogists as well as anyone interested in learning more about a wide range of topics. There's a special section that allows you to develop your own educational visual aids called [DocsTeach](#).
- **Our Documents**
The *Our Documents* initiative is a cooperative effort among National History Day, The National Archives and Records Administration, and USA Freedom Corps. This initiative is designed to help us think, talk, teach and learn about the rights and responsibilities we have as citizens of the United States. It includes access to 100 milestone documents that chronicle our history, tools for teachers, information about national competitions and more. You can browse through the documents and learn more about its resources [here](#).

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